

GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON PLANNING COORDINATION

MINUTES – MEETING OF JANUARY 4, 2002

The Governor's Advisory Council on Planning Coordination held a meeting on Friday, January 4, 2002 at the UofD Paradee Center, Rm 107 State Personnel Training Center, Dover, Delaware.

Present were:

Lt. Governor John C. Carney, Jr., Chair
Rich Anthony
Peg Baunchalk
Secretary Nick DiPasquale
Dee Durham
Secretary Nathan Hayward
Mike McDowell
Robert McLeod
Dick Pryor
Marty Ross
Representative Roger Roy
Secretary Michael Scuse
Robert Stickels
Lee Ann Walling
Secretary John D. Wik
Rick Woodin

Others in attendance:

Charles Baker
Connie Holland
Herb Inden
Andrea Kreiner
Steve Lefebvre
Michael McGrath
Phyllis McKinley
William Narcowich
Alex Settles

Absent:

Patti Blevins
Joe Corrado
Sherry Freebery
Mike Zimmerman

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Carney called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. Since Mr. Baker, representing New Castle County, had not arrived, Mr. Carney opened the meeting with Item II on the agenda.

SUBCOMMITTEES

Subcommittee chairs who were present reported the date and time of their next meeting. Other than Impact Fees, Affordable Housing was the only other committee to meet. Affordable Housing met with Michael Strine from the Impact Fee subcommittee and they also discussed their mission and goals. Ms. Kreiner will have all subcommittee meetings posted on the State Planning website. Mr. Carney also stated legislation required the Impact Fees Subcommittee to report to the Bond Bill Committee by January 15. They will not be ready and stated that they would ask the Bond Bill Chairs for an extension or they could do an interim report. Mr. Roy stated that the committee was scheduled to meet the following Wednesday and he would ask for an extension. Mr. Carney reported that there still was no chair for the Annexation committee. He said he might convene the group, not as chair, but as a facilitator in order to get a discussion going and get points of view out on the table.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Ms. Walling handed out a tentative Livable Delaware Agenda as it relates to the Governor's legislative agenda. Absent from the list, but one that would be added, was a bill relating to the Newport annexation having to do with boundary issues.

There were some concerns raised about the March 31 suggested deadline for any subcommittee bills to be ready for introduction. Mr. Carney stated that it was a good date to shoot for so that adequate input from stakeholders and open discussions could occur before introduction. Ms. Walling briefly described the 6 bills presently being prepared; TDR, contact Ms. Walling; Impact fees, contact Michael Strine; LUPA overhaul, contact Connie Holland; Livable Delaware Advisory Council, adding one member from the City of Wilmington, contact Ms. Walling; Water Facilities Planning, contact, Joe Corrado; and Rehab code, contact Mr. Wik.

Mr. DiPasquale, Mr. Stickels and Ms. Holland discussed the LUPA process and where it falls within the planning process. Mr. Stickels suggested a pre-approval process. Discussion followed concerning flexibility for developers, i.e. housing types, lot size (Mr. Woodin) and a flexibility to work in sensitive areas (Mr. DiPasquale).

ACTION PLAN

A discussion ensued concerning the Council's approval process of land use plans. Foremost, was the topic of air quality control, which Mr. DiPasquale and Mr. Hayward addressed.

Mr. Carney questioned the Council's approval process for Comprehensive Plans. What plan is being recommended to the Governor, the presented plan or a revised plan? He asked if they should take immediate action or wait for the plan New Castle County will present to NCCo Council. Mr. Baker asked if there were any specific problems with the

plan to which Mr. Carney stated no. Mr. Stickels stated that State Planning's letter said the plan meets all the State's objectives. Mr. Baker stated that it was a Comprehensive plan not an implementation plan. Ms. Holland stated that State Planning works closely with each county in order to present to the Council a fairly accurate plan. Discussion continued on what stage of the Comp Plan they are recommending to the Governor for certification. Ms. Kriener read HB 255, Section 11, c and d. Mr. Baker summed up the process as this: the Advisory Council submits proposed plan to the Governor for certification, Governor then certifies or returns the plan to the County, the plan then goes to County Council.

Discussion continued on air quality. Mr. Hayward stated either Delaware conforms to Federal regulations or loses close to \$140M. DNREC and DeIDOT are working together to solve the problems and will keep counties informed.

After a few other questions were asked and adequately answered by Mr. Baker relating to sub-regional plans and WILMAPCO, Mr. Stickles moved, based on the review and recommendation of the State Planning Office, that the Council forward the NCCo proposed comp plan to the Governor, there was a second. A vote was taken, all present, voted yes, except for Mr. Ross who voted no, his opinion being that it treats rural property owners unfairly.

A member of the public had a questions about the state reviewing Rt. 1 car pooling and kids driving to school to traffic control. Mr. Carney suggested the questioner speak to his legislator.

Another member of the public had questions concerning development by neighboring states and it's impact on our Comp Plans. Mr. Roy said all states have to comply with the same regulations that WILMAPCO has to comply with and TIPs are viewed every 3 years.

On a final air quality note, Mr. Scuse added that Delaware and its neighboring states are looking at alternative energies, which are being reviewed and developed to help ag and improve air quality.

No new business.

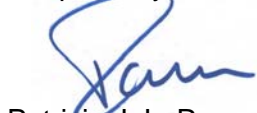
NEXT MEETING

A regular meeting date was set for the 2nd Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m. The Paradee Center was the desired site. Next meeting is set for February 11, 2002 at 1:00 P.M. at the Paradee Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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